Reported politician-criminal links in Goa

1186. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has seen reports of politician-criminal links in Goa (vide the Hindustan Times, 19th November, 1994); and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter has already been brought to the notice of the State Government for appropriate action.

Quit Arunachal Notice to Bangladesh refugees

1187. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Bangladesh refugees mainly Chakmas have spilled over from Arunachal Pradesh to other neighbouring States after the deadline fixed by Arunachal Government under the 'Quit Arunachal' notice;

(b) if so, how many Chakmas are still to be repatriated to Bangladesh; and how many are settled in different States; and

(c) what is the plan for return of these refugees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Some of the Chakma refugees from Arunachal Pradesh had temporarily crossed-over to Assam in September, 1994. They have since returned to their settlements in Arunachal Pradesh.

(b) In addition to the Chakma refugees who have crossed over to India from the erstwhile East Pakistan now Bangladesh in 1964-66 and have settled in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Tripura and Mizoram, Chakma refugees also came in mid 80s to Tripura and are presently in refugee camps in the State. The number of Chakma refugees in the refugee camps in Tripura was 56,688. Of these, 5199 Chakma refugees were repatriated to Bangladesh in two phases during February and July-August, 1994. 51489 Chakma refugees still remain in camps in Tripura.

(c) The matter regarding the repatriation of Chakma refugees from Tripura was discussed in a meeting taken by Minister of State (States) on 25-10-94. It was noted that since the completion of second phase of repatriation, the refugee leaders have declined to resume the repatriation process alleging that assurances given by the Government of Bangladesh have not been fully implemented and the conditions in the Chittagong Hill Tracts area not conducive for their return. The Chakma refugees being Bangladesh nationals, it is for the Government of Bangladesh to find a satisfactory solution to the problem. The Govenment of India has been making efforts to facilitate the process of repatriation of the Chakma refugees from Tripura. There is no such consideration for the Chakma/Hajong refugees settled elsewhere.

Establishment of explosive control Bureau

1188. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to establish an Explosive Control Bureau;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it has become very essential to have such an organisation to check the flow and use of explosive material in the country;

(c) what is the total quantity of RDX recovered so far; and

(d) what are the measures taken by Government to prevent import of drugs to the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) As per available information 4486.72 Kg. of RDX has been recovered from various parts of the country since January, 1993.

(d) With a view to prevent smuggling of drugs into the country instructions have been issued to all the enforcement agencies to maintain utmost vigil and step up enforcement efforts under the provisions contained in the NDPS Act. Training is being imparted to officers to improve their effectiveness. Vehicles and communication equipments have been provided. A part of Indo-Pak border has been fenced. BSF and Coast Guards deployed on land and coastal borders have been vested with powers under the Customs Act to interdict narcotic drugs on the border, in addition to the Central and State enforcement agencies empowered under the NDPS Act.

Redressal of problems of citizens

1189. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of citizens highlight their problems relating to redressal of grievances such as pension, civic amenities, railway, telephones, road transport, repair of roads, etc. through national and regional newspapers every day;

(b) whether there is any single authority/Government agency to transmit these complaints to concerned authorities for expeditious disposal and replying back to individuals on their concerns;

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to constitute an auhority/agency for the purpose of redressal of grievances of citizens; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (d) Facts are being ascertained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fire in the office of Kirti Azad, MLA

1190 SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an enquiry has been made into the causes of fire which gutted the office of Mr. Kirti Azad, MLA in Gole Market in New Delhi area on 4th November, 1994.

(b) if so, whether the allegation of sabotage has also been inquired into; and

(c) the outcome of the enquiry and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The Government of Delhi has reported that a case under section 436 IPC has been registered in connection with the fire at the office of Shri Kirti Azad, MLA in Gole Market area on 4th Novembber, 1994. No specific allegation of sabotage has however, been levelled.

Review on the working of SPG

1191. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken a review on the working of Special Protection Group which is providing security cover to the Prime Minister and members of his family;

(b) if so, what are the details of the latest review undertaken by Government and whether any "slip ups" have come to Government's notice;

(c) if the reply is confirmative, what remedial measures have been taken;

(d) whether in Government's view the working of the SPG is satisfactory, then how is it that a visitor recently managed